

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/027,488

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/20/01, 3/28/02, 4/12/02, 4/22/02
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

5. IDS: 4/4/03, 10/31/03

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffery Jacobs on 4/24/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

claim 16, line 3, after "the transmitter," change "adapted to establish" to ---for establishing---;

claim 16, line 4, after "a dispatch call," change "adapted to instruct" to ---for instructing---;

claim 17, line 1, after "is further" delete ---adapted--;

claim 17, line 2, before "an inbound link" change "to establish" to ---for establishing---;

claim 17, line 3, after "comprises a receiver" change "adapted to receive" to ---for receiving---;

claim 20, line 3, after "to the receiver" change "adapted to instruct" to ---for instructing---;

claim 20, line 4, after "a base site" change "adapted to instruct" to ---for instructing---;

claim 20, line 7, after "and" change "adapted to begin" to ---for beginning---;

claim 22, line 2, after "processor is further" change "adapted to instruct" to ---for instructing---.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 16, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method for a base site to facilitate CDMA-dispatch soft handoff comprising the step of

subsequent to a step of determining, indicating to at least one of the plurality of MSs in addition to a first MS the identity of a second outbound link and the identity of an adjacent base site, within the structure of the independent claims 1 and 16.

Regarding claims 10 and 20, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method for a mobile station to perform a CDMA-dispatch soft handoff comprising the step of

beginning a soft handoff by simultaneously receiving a dispatch call via a first outbound link and a second outbound link without signaling a base site regarding the soft handoff, within the structure of the independent claims 10 and 20.

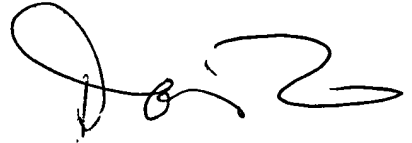
Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thien Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To, can be reached on (571) 272-7629. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

4. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have any questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197.

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